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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, February 22, 2016                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Gary Howell, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby. (9/9)**

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 15, 2017 as printed.

**Representative LaFave moved to adopt the minutes of February 15, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee a presentation given by the Department of Environmental Quality.

C. Heidi Grether, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, did an overview of the department. Throughout the PowerPoint presentation, the director asked the following staff members in her department to stand to be introduced to the committee membership:

Amy J. Epkey, Chief Financial Officer in the Administration Division;  
Lynn Fiedler, Division Chief in the Air Quality Division;  
Bryce Feighner, P. E., Chief of the Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance;  
Harold R. Fitch, State Geologist and Director of the Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division;  
Teresa Seidel, Division Chief of the Water Resources Division;  
Jon W. Allen, Director of the Office of the Great Lakes;  
Jack Schinderie, Director of the Waste Management and Radiological Protection  
Division;  
Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director of External Relations, who was not present;

Michael F. McClellan, Chief of Staff to the Environment Deputy Director in the Executive Office;

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division;

Melody Kindraka, Public Information Officer in the Office of External Relations; and

Samantha West, Chief of Staff to the Director in the Executive Office.

Director Grether, Mr. Schinderie, Ms. Seidel, Ms. Epkey, Ms. Fiedler, and Mr. Fitch addressed questions from committee members following the PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Bellino moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:23 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Gary Howell, Chair

House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee